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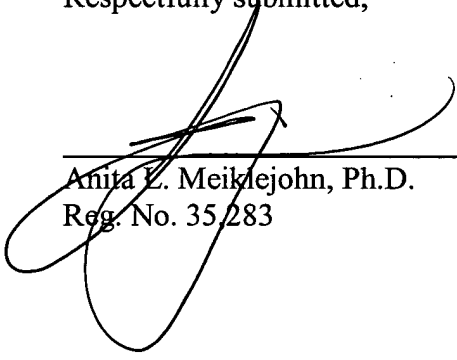
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed April 7, 2004, applicants elect the invention of Group VIII, claims 51-54, drawn to the special technical feature of a method of screening using the nucleic acid (5th method of using the nucleic acid molecule). The election is made without traverse.

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